

THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 28.

[COMMUNICATED.]

BOYS OUT AFTER NIGHTFALL.—A writer in the Fireside Companion moralizes as follows upon the above topic:

I have long been an observer, as I am a sympathizing lover, of boys. I like to see them happy, cheerful and gleesome. I am not willing that they should be cheated of their rightful heritage of youth—indeed, I can hardly understand how a high-toned, useful man can be the ripened fruit of a boy who has not enjoyed a fair share of the glad privileges due to youth. But while I watch with a very jealous eye all rights and customs which entrench upon the proper rights of boys, I am equally apprehensive lest parents, who are not thoughtful, and have not educated themselves to close observation upon this subject, permit their sons indulgences which are almost certain to result in their demoralization, if not in their total ruin; and amongst the habits which I have observed as tending so surely to ruin, I know of none more prominent than that of parents permitting their sons to be in the streets after nightfall. It is ruinous to their morals in almost all instances. They acquire, under cover of the night, an unhealthful and excited state of mind, bad language and practices, criminal sentiments, a lawless and riotous bearing; indeed, it is in the street, after nightfall, that boys principally acquire the education for the bad capacity of becoming dissolute, criminal men.

Parents should adopt a most rigid, inflexible rule, that will never permit a son, under any circumstances whatever, to go into the street after nightfall, or of viewing of engaging in out-of-door sports, or of meeting other boys for social or chance occupation. A rigid rule of this kind, invariably adhered to, will soon deaden the desire for such dangerous practices. Education begins with life. Before we are aware, the foundations of character are laid, and no subsequent instruction can remove or alter them.

AUCTION SALES.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me on the 12th of December, 1866, and of record among the land records of Prince William county, I shall, at Bransville, before the Court House of said county, for the purpose of paying off the debt thereby secured, expose for sale, at public auction, on the 3d DAY OF AUGUST, 1868, that being Court day,

A TRACT OF LAND, particularly described in said trust, containing 15, 8 rods and 28 poles, except 148 rods and 1 rod and 30 poles, conveyed to A. Nicol, by deed dated January, 1855.

This land has a COMFORTABLE HOUSE, a good barn and a stable upon it, a young and thrifty orchard, and a well of good water convenient to the house. This land is easily improved, well adapted to the growth of grain and grass, and could be made in a short time a comfortable home. E. HUNTON, Trustee.

Prince Wm. co., je 24—law4w

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF HOUSES AND LOTS IN AND NEAR CENTREVILLE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, rendered at its November term, 1867, in the cause of Mary P. Roberts vs. L. M. Roberts, the undersigned, Commissioners therein named, will sell, at public auction, at Fairfax C. H. on MONDAY, the 17th day of August, 1868, Court day, the following property:

1st. A LOT OF FIVE ACRES, at the village of Centreville, Fairfax county, being the S. E. corner lot made by the intersection of the Braddock road and the road leading to Manassas.

2. A LOT IN Centreville of one quarter of an acre, being the S. W. corner of said intersection, and fronting on said Braddock road or turnpike.

3. A HOUSE AND LOT in Centreville, known as the "Red House" lot, and fronting on the turnpike opposite to the Stone Church. These lots are all very desirably situated.

TERMS.—One tenth cash, and the residue in three equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest; the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, and retention of the title until the sale is completed, and the cash payment to be forfeited on failure of the purchaser to meet the deferred payments.

G. S. MINER, Commissioner of Sale.

LAND SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, rendered at the June term, 1867, in the suit of William E. Moore vs. S. G. Miller, the undersigned, as Commissioners, will on the 20th DAY OF JULY, 1868, that being Court Monday, sell, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House of Fairfax co., the following LOTS OF LAND, the property of the defendant S. G. Miller.

LOT No. 1.—Containing 115 acres, more or less, formerly the property of E. I. Lee; lies on the A. L. & H. R.R., adjoining Magee and others.

LOT No. 2.—Containing 42½ acres, more or less, lying near said railroad, and adjoining H. C. Williams and others.

These lands, lying as they do immediately on or near the railroad, and but a short distance from Vienna and Falls Church Depots, render them desirable as market gardens.

TERMS.—One fourth cash; the residue in three equal instalments, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, and a retention of the title until the last payment is made. Expenses of conveyance and stamps to be paid by purchasers.

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